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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGULATIONS FOR FEDERALLY ADMINISTERED HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT PROGRAMS

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Subpart A—General Information

§ 270.1 Purpose and scope of these regulations.

(a) *Coverage.* (1) These permit regulations establish provisions for the Hazardous Waste Permit Program under Subtitle C of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended (RCRA), (Pub. L. 94-580, as amended by Pub. L. 95-609 and by Pub. L. 96-482; 42 U.S.C. 6091 et seq.). They apply to EPA and to approved States to the extent provided in Part 271.

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(2) The regulations in this part cover basic EPA permitting requirements, such as application requirements, standard permit conditions, and monitoring and reporting requirements. These regulations are part of a regulatory scheme implementing RCRA set forth in different parts of the Code of Federal Regulations. The following chart indicates where the regulations implementing RCRA appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Section of RCRA	Coverage	Final regulation
Subtitle C	Overview and definitions	40 CFR Part 260
3001	Identification and listing of hazardous waste.	40 CFR Part 261
3002	Generators of hazardous waste.	40 CFR Part 262
3003	Transporters of hazardous waste.	40 CFR Part 263
3004	Standards for HWM facilities.	40 CFR Parts 264, 265, 266, and 267
3005	Permit requirements for HWM facilities.	40 CFR Parts 270 and 124
3006	Guidelines for State programs.	40 CFR Part 271
3010	Preliminary notification of HWM activity.	(public notice) 45 FR 12746 Feb. 26, 1980



[Sec. 270.1 (a)(2)]

(3) *Technical regulations.* The RCRA permit program has separate additional Regulations that contain technical requirements. These separate regulations are used by permit issuing authorities to determine what requirements must be placed in permits if they are issued. These separate regulations are located in 40 CFR Parts 264, 266, and 267.

(b) *Overview of the RCRA Permit Program.* Not later than 90 days after the promulgation or revision of regulations in 40 CFR Part 261 (identifying and listing hazardous wastes) generators and transporters of hazardous waste, and owners or operators of hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities may be required to file a notification of that activity under section 3010. Six months after the initial promulgation of the Part 261 regulations, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste by any person who has not applied for or received a RCRA permit is prohibited. A RCRA permit application consists of two parts, Part A (see § 270.13) and Part B (see § 270.14 and applicable sections in §§ 270.15–270.29). For "existing HWM facilities," the requirement to submit an application is satisfied by submitting only Part A of the permit application until the date the Director sets for submitting Part B of the application. (Part A consists of Forms 1 and 3 of the Consolidated Permit Application Forms.) Timely submission of both notification under section 3010 and Part A qualifies owners and operators of existing HWM facilities (who are required to have a permit) for interim status under section 3005(e) of RCRA. Facility owners and operators with interim status are treated as having been issued a permit until EPA or a State with interim authorization for Phase II or final authorization under Part 271 makes a final determination on the permit application. Facility owners and operators with interim status must comply with interim status standards set forth at 40 CFR Part 265 or with the analogous provisions of a State program which has received interim or final authorization under Part 271. Facility owners and operators with interim status are not relieved from complying with other State requirements. For existing HWM facilities, the Director shall set a date, giving at least six months notice, for submission of Part B of the

application. There is no form for Part B of the application; rather, Part B must be submitted in narrative form and contain the information set forth in the applicable sections of §§ 270.14–270.29. Owners or operators of new HWM facilities must submit Part A and Part B of the permit application at least 180 days before physical construction is expected to commence.

(c) *Scope of the RCRA Permit Requirement.* RCRA requires a permit for the "treatment," "storage," or "disposal" of any "hazardous waste" as identified or listed in 40 CFR Part 261. The terms "treatment," "storage," "disposal," and "hazardous waste" are defined in § 270.2. Owners and operators of hazardous waste management units must have permits during the active life (including the closure period) of the unit, and, for any unit which closes after January 26, 1983, during any post-closure care period required under § 264.117 and during any compliance period specified under § 264.96, including any extension of the compliance period under § 264.96(c).

(1) *Specific inclusions.* Owners and operators of certain facilities require RCRA permits as well as permits under other programs for certain aspects of the facility operation. RCRA permits are required for:

(i) Injection wells that dispose of hazardous waste, and associated surface facilities that treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste. (See § 270.64). However, the owner and operator with a UIC permit in a State with an approved or promulgated UIC program, will be deemed to have a RCRA permit for the injection well itself if they comply with the requirements of § 270.60(b) (permit-by-rule for injection wells).

(ii) Treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste at facilities requiring an NPDES permit. However, the owner and operator of a publicly owned treatment works receiving hazardous waste will be deemed to have a RCRA permit for that waste if they comply with the requirements of § 270.60(c) (permit-by-rule for POTWs).

(iii) Barges or vessels that dispose of hazardous waste by ocean disposal and onshore hazardous waste treatment or storage facilities associated with an

ocean disposal operation. However, the owner and operator will be deemed to have a RCRA permit for ocean disposal from the barge or vessel itself if they comply with the requirements of § 270.60(a) (permit-by-rule for ocean disposal barges and vessels).

(2) *Specific exclusions.* The following persons are among those who are not required to obtain a RCRA permit:

(i) Generators who accumulate hazardous waste on site for less than 90 days as provided in 40 CFR 262.34.

(ii) Farmers who dispose of hazardous waste pesticides from their own use as provided in 40 CFR 262.51.

(iii) Persons who own or operate facilities solely for the treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous waste excluded from regulations under this Part by 40 CFR 261.4 or 261.5 (small generator exemption).

(iv) Owners or operators of totally enclosed treatment facilities as defined in 40 CFR 260.10.

(v) Owners and operators of elementary neutralization units or wastewater treatment units as defined in 40 CFR 260.10.

(vi) Transporters storing manifested shipments of hazardous waste in containers meeting the requirements of 40 CFR 262.30 at a transfer facility for a period of ten days or less.

(vii) Persons adding absorbent material to waste in a container (as defined in § 260.10 of this chapter) and persons adding waste to absorbent material in a container, provided that these actions occur at the time waste is first placed in the container; and §§ 264.17(b), 264.171, and 264.172 of this chapter are complied with.

(3) *Further exclusions.* (i) A person is not required to obtain an RCRA permit for treatment or containment activities taken during immediate response to any of the following situations:

(A) A discharge of a hazardous waste;

(B) An imminent and substantial threat of a discharge of hazardous waste;

(C) A discharge of a material which, when discharged, becomes a hazardous waste.

(ii) Any person who continues or initiates hazardous waste treatment or containment activities after the immediate response is over is subject to all applicable requirements of this Part for those activities.